

SOCIETY AND PERSONAL MENTION.

AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES.

Mrs. Roosevelt Attends Performance of "Hamlet"—Count Cassini to Entertain Staff at Christmas Tree—Christmas Dinner at British Embassy.

The White House.

Mrs. Roosevelt occupied a box at the New National last night to witness E. H. Sothern in "Hamlet." With her were Commissioner of the Civil Service Proctor and Mrs. Proctor, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, and Kermit Roosevelt.

Among the Diplomats.

Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador, was one of the guests at the Hitt-Gray wedding in New York yesterday. The ambassador remained in New York for the express purpose of attending the wedding as a special compliment to Mr. Hitt, who has recently been transferred from Paris to the United States embassy in Berlin.

Count Cassini will entertain his staff at an old-fashioned Christmas tree tomorrow afternoon.

The British ambassador and Lady Herbert will give a typical Christmas dinner tomorrow evening to the members of the embassy staff, at which the traditional plum pudding will be served.

Dances and Receptions.

One of the smartest dances this year was that given at the Country Club last night, when Mrs. Eugene Hale, wife of Senator Hale, received the guests. Society divided itself between the Sixty Couples' Cotillon at the Masonic Temple, and the dance at the Country Club, and many gay parties drove out in carriages after the several dinners that took place beforehand. The club, which was one time known as Grasslands, the former home of William C. Whitney, was tastefully decorated with holly and mistletoe. The guests were:

Senator and Mrs. Wetmore and the Misses Wetmore, Senator Keen, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, General and Mrs. Corbin, Commander and Mrs. Cowles, Col. Edward Morrell, the Italian ambassador and Mme. Mayor des Planches, the Russian ambassador and Countess Marguerite Cassini, the charge d'affaires of France and Mme. de Margerie, Miss Alice Roosevelt, Dr. and Mrs. John D. Jones, Miss Martina Jones, Mr. and Mrs. De Koven, Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop, Bradley, Miss MacVough, Capt. Proctor, Miss Nott, Captain and Mrs. McKinstry, Mr. Morgan, Miss Merriam, Mr. and Mrs. Thoron, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, General and Mrs. Draper, the Misses Patten, Colonel Hiddle, Miss Gwyn, Baron and Baroness Moncheur, Mr. Wauters, Mr. Hansen, the Misses Hildekoper, Mr. Hague, Count Montgomerie, Mr. Norman, Mr. von Bredow, Major McCawley, Captain Van Ness, Philip, Colonel and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Seckendorff, Colonel and Mrs. Sanger, Mr. Riano, Count Quadt, the Persian minister, Cleveland Davis, the Misses Wallace, Lieutenant Wallace, Miss Warder, Mr. and Mrs. Glover, Miss Glover, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, Miss Ward, the Danish minister, Jesse Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Biddle, Woodbury Blair, Gist Blair, Mr. Steward, Mr. Horstmann, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Colonel and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins, and Miss Wadsworth.

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Stone presented their daughter, Miss Helen Stone, to society last evening at a large reception, at which all the old Washington families were represented. Miss Stone wore a charming costume of white crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of white roses. An orchestra played in the hall, which was decorated in Christmas greens, as were the drawing and dining rooms.

The first dance of the Sixty Couple Cotillon took place last night. The attendance was large and there was no flaw in the arrangements, which had been carefully planned. The dance was held in the hall of the Masonic Temple, the walls of which were draped with ground pine. There were six favor figures and the favors, which were of fantabourines, fancy baskets, sashes, orders and American Beauty roses, were extremely pretty and served as a decoration. The roses met with great approval from the young women and there was some rivalry as to who should carry off the most.

Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mrs. Charles H. Campbell, Mrs. John Poor, Miss Meyer, and Miss Christine Owen received the guests. Dancing began shortly after 10 o'clock and supper was served between 12 and 1 o'clock. Charles H. Campbell led the cotillon.

The guests were Commander and Mrs. Cowles, Mr. and Mrs. John Poor, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Olmsted, Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Reber, Commander and Mrs. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. George Bloomer, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Addison, Miss Hitchcock, Miss Wilson, General Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Schroeder, Miss Marie Barnes, Miss Postlethwaite, the Misses Crosby, Miss Anita Poor, Miss Polly Shepard, Miss E. Patterson, the Misses Colton, Miss Fitch, Miss Errol Brown, Miss Seymour, Miss Field, Miss Webb, Miss Sanger, the Misses Loring, Miss Martin, Miss Nora Parle, Miss Feraker, Miss Carola de Peyster, the Misses Frowke, Miss Terry, Miss Diane Morgan Hill, Miss Adola Greely, the Misses Tyler, Miss E. Parker, Miss Elsie Curtis, Miss Ethel Seckendorff, Miss Grossman, Miss Woodhull, the Misses McCauley, Miss Mary Ran-

dolph, Miss Ethel Miller, Miss Clagett, Miss Hildegarde, Miss McKenna, Miss Berry, Miss Zedie Cobb, Miss Jean Walsh, Miss Goldsborough, Miss Anna Cockrell, Miss Virginia Latrobe, of Baltimore; Miss Hagner, Miss Lincoln, Miss Mattingly, William T. Bingham, Augustus Taylor, Captain Herron, Alfred Tyler, James Crawford, Hilliard Owen, L. N. Nicholson, Louis Keller, of New York; Cuthbert Brown, Randall Hagner, H. H. Rousseau, Lieut. Robert Clark, Ormsby McCammon, Adam B. Roberts, Mr. Knox, and S. T. Burk, of Alexandria; Mr. Peachy, Lieut. J. H. Poole, Lieutenant Gibbons, Arthur Goldsborough, the Messrs. Hildekoper, Baron Franckenstein, of the embassy of Austria-Hungary; W. E. Pearson, John Stauffer, William Russell White, C. C. Dawson, Howland, Mr. O. H. Bradley, Mr. Waggaman, C. P. Minnegrade, Mr. Collins, Murray Cobb, O'Donnell Hillen, Charles Woodhull, Edwin V. Morgan, the Messrs. George and Joseph Washington, Lieut. Frank McCoy, Mr. Bradford, H. B. Ferguson, S. Olds, Jr., Duncan Bradley, Freeman Field, Thomas Blagden, David R. McKee, Jr., Van Ness Philip, H. B. Rowland, Mr. Lincoln, Lieut. Edward McCawley, Jr., A. T. Brown, William W. Mathewson, Baron Ritter, of the German embassy; Mrs. S. Peelle, and James H. Hopkins, Jr.

Teas.

Mme. Hengelmüller, wife of the minister from Austria-Hungary, has sent out cards for a tea Tuesday, December 30, at 5 o'clock, to meet her niece, the Baroness von Palm.

Mrs. Rene Bache will entertain at a tea Saturday, December 27, in honor of her cousin, Miss Susan Dayton Biddle, and her sister-in-law, Miss Edythe Markoe Bache, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. George H. Peters and Miss Peters will receive Friday, January 2, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Dinners.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, instead of their usual Christmas eve dinner, will give a dinner tonight of twenty covers. After the dinner the guests will go to the ball poudre of Miss Ffoulke.

The Russian ambassador entertained at dinner last night in honor of B. Oumiroff, the distinguished Russian artist. His guests included the members of his staff.

F. P. B. Sands gave a dinner Monday night in honor of Gen. Leonard Wood. His guests were Senator J. E. Foraker, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Representatives R. Wayne Parker, Adolph Meyer and Robert W. Taylor, Gen. George L. Gillespie, Gen. Wallace Randolph, Gen. William H. Carter, Rear Admiral Silas W. Terry, Rear Admiral Charles O'Neil, Capt. Charles D. Sigbee, Capt. Charles J. Train, C. C. Glover, Dr. Randolph Jenkins, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Darling, and Dr. Charles Bispham.

Notes.

General Corbin and General Young, who have been absent in Ohio for the last week, returned home yesterday and are again at their desks in the War Department.

J. W. Ragsdale, United States consul at Tientsin, and W. T. Bainbridge, secretary of the United States legation at Peking, returned from China on the Thomas, which reached San Francisco on Tuesday.

Mrs. Zelaya, wife of General Zelaya, President of Nicaragua, and her father, Alexandre Cousin, of Belgium, reached Washington yesterday and have taken apartments at the Raleigh. Mrs. Zelaya will accept no invitations while she is in Washington, as she has simply come to see the city and will devote her time to sightseeing.

Baroness von Hutten, the author of "Our Lady of the Beaches," reached New York on the Trave yesterday. She will visit friends in New York and in Pennsylvania, her native State, and later on expects to come to Washington.

Miss Clare Wheelers is visiting Mrs. Charles Parker, of St. Louis.

Miss Edythe Newlands, daughter of Representative Newlands of Nevada, whose engagement to Charles H. L. Johnston, son of the late Dr. W. W. Johnston, has recently been announced, is a granddaughter of the late Senator Sharon, one of the bonanza kings of California. Her stepmother is a sister of the late Ward McAllister, of New York.

Mrs. E. H. Bowen, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bowen, returned to her home in Louisville, Ky., on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mapes, of New Rochelle, N. Y., are visiting Mr. Mapes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mapes.

The following members of the sophomore class of Princeton University are home for the holidays: Max R. Kaufman, Ralph G. Duval, Philip Imch, and Henry R. Munn.

Mrs. C. Heney Merton, of St. Louis, who passed the autumn in Washington, has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. O'Neill of Bos-

ton, are visiting Rear Admiral O'Neil at the Grafton.

Philadelphia Society.

Mrs. Talcott Williams, who has been passing a few days out of town, returned yesterday to her home, 916 Pine Street.

William A. Stone, the retiring governor of Pennsylvania, will be a guest at a dinner given by his military staff on the evening of January 2, at the Bellevue. The committee in charge is Col. Thomas Potter, Jr., Col. Sheldon Potter, and Captain John Seiser Munkie.

A luncheon will be given by Capt. and Mrs. C. F. Goodrich on board the United States cruiser Minneapolis, at League Island Navy Yard, next Friday, in honor of Miss Mabel Heyward Taylor.

Smart Set in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Femmes gave a charming Christmas dinner last evening at their residence, 10 East Eager Street, in honor of their daughter, Miss Frances Femmes, one of the most attractive young girls introduced to society last season. The decorations were a profusion of similar and holly, which enwreathed the chandeliers and doorway, banked the mantels and caught in festoons upon the walls with big bows of red satin ribbon. Completing the color tone were numbers of red-shaded lights. Music was rendered by an orchestra concealed in the hall by a screen of palms. At 11:30 a seated supper was served at small tables. The invitations included chiefly the debutantes of last winter, with a few of the younger set of married people and the debutantes of this year, and a proportionate number of men.

Former Governor John Lee Carroll has

Dances and Receptions Occupy Time of Smart Set—Miss Stone Presented to Society—Mr. and Mrs. Cropper's Dinner Party This Evening.

taken for the season the house 1308 Connecticut Avenue, in Washington.

A large number of guests will come on from New York for the ball to be given by Mrs. C. and Mrs. Alexander Brown on Friday evening, and which will fully equal in brilliancy the beautiful ball given by them last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitridge have sent out invitations for a small dinner on Tuesday evening, December 30, at their home, 14 West Madison Street, in honor of Miss Alice Lee Thomas, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Thomas.

Mr. Von Mumm, a son of the famous champagne maker, of France, was a guest at the Hotel Flanders this week.

New York Jottings.

Mrs. Stanford White has invitations out for a New Year dance, to be given in her Gramercy Park residence, on Tuesday evening, December 30. The dance is to be in honor of Miss Isabella M. Wetherill, the debutante daughter of Mrs. J. Bloomfield Wetherill, and niece of Mrs. White.

Mrs. W. Seward Webb has a large house party at Shelbourne Farms over

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

By CLEMENT C. MOORE.

Clement C. Moore was born in New York in 1773. He was appointed in 1821 professor of Hebrew and Greek literature in the Protestant Episcopal Seminary in that city. He published a Hebrew and English Lexicon and other works. He died July 30, 1863.

'T WAS the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds;

While visions of sugar-plums danced through their heads;

And Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below;

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,

But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Bliitzen!"

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!

Now, dash away, dash away, dash away, all!

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,

So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,

With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it exhaled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

MENUS TO GLADDEN CHRISTMAS DINERS

Today is the day that housewives completed their arrangements for Christmas dinners. Everywhere throughout the market suggestions innumerable were to be found, and the bill of fare at the home tables tomorrow will be almost as varied as the number of dinners presented. The average dinner will probably represent a cost of something over \$1 a plate, which for five people would represent between \$5 and \$6. Considering prices, and the condition of the articles offered, the following may be looked upon as a representative spread:

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At the Arlington Hotel tomorrow simplicity and excellence will govern in the preparation of the Christmas dinner. Abundant variety will also be offered to suit the most varied tastes. The Christmas menu that will greet the guests of the Arlington follows:

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Green Turtle
Consomme of Chicken with Quenelles
Consomme Frappe
Hors d'Oeuvre
Spanish Mackerel, Broiled

Potatoes Game Bass, Fried in Salt Pork
Cucumbers
Smoked Ham, Baked
Diamond Back Terrapin, Arlington Style
Rice of Prime Beef
Long Island Goose, Apple Sauce
Plymouth Rock Turkey, Giblet and Cranberry
Manhattan Punch
Scottish Grouse, Roasted, Game Sauce
Salads
Lettuce Haricots Verts, Chicory Escarole
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes
Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Spanish Green Peas
Fried Egg Plant
New England Plum Pudding
Hard and Brandy Sauce
Mince Pie
Fancy Cakes
Creme a la Benedictine
Confectionery
Coffee

\$5 Dinner for Family of Six.
Raw Oysters
Mock Haggis Soup
Celery
Baked Striped Bass
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Baked Fresh Ham, Stuffed
Mashed Potatoes
Boiled Onions, Cream Sauce
Spinach, Egg Dressing
Hot Mince Pie
Coffee

UNPRECEDENTED RUSH OF HOLIDAY MAIL

Clerks of Registry Division in City Postoffice Are Now Working Overtime.

In the rush of business attending preparations for Christmas no set of persons are so overworked as the employees in the registry division of the city Postoffice, of which Granville M. Hunt is the superintendent. The Washington office is the third largest registry office in the country. Last year without a single loss or delay 23,460,000 registered pieces of mail matter were handled there.

The growth of business has been enormous, particularly since the introduction of the indecent feature. Under existing regulations the value of any article, not to exceed \$25, will be paid if it is lost in the registered mail. This feature has robbed the express companies of much of their most lucrative business, as jewelers and others are now availing themselves of the registered package to send small articles of jewelry, silverware, and novelties.

Another feature that is tending to increase the work of the registry division is the greater rapidity with which registered mail is handled. There are now six mails to New York each day, and a proportionate number to other points. The holiday rush this season has been unprecedented, and Superintendent Hunt and his assistants are frequently kept busy until far into the night.

SULLIVAN WON FIFTY DOLLARS.

The thirty-minute bout between Frank Huseman and "Kid" Sullivan on the Empire stage last night, resulted in a draw. The boys were evenly matched in weight and skill, and gave a decidedly clever exhibition. According to the agreement Sullivan was to get \$50 if he stayed the limit.

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